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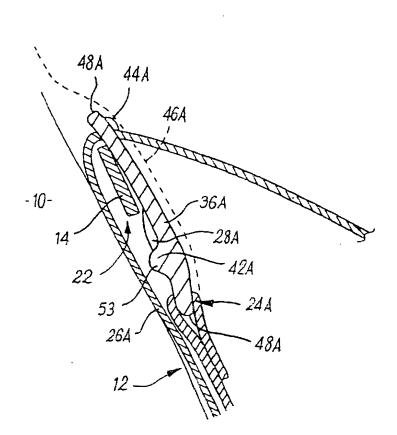
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(54) Title: STIRRUP LEATHER BUCKLE



(57) Abstract: A stirrup leather (12) is installed over a stirrup bar (14) by means of a buckle (24a). The buckle frame has a curvature which forms a recess in which the stirrup bar (14) is received, which allows the buckle frame to sit closer to the saddle (10) than is possible with a planar buckle. This results in an arrangement which is more comfortable under the thigh of the rider.